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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNS BILL EXTENDING REA

SAYS MORE RURAL POWER FACILITIES NEEDED TO BRING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO POSTWAR FARMS

***** REA STAFF HONORS SENATOR NORRIS

The entire REA staff paused for a minute of silence one day early last month, paying final tribute to the memory of former Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, "the father of the REA."

In a memorandum to the staff, Deputy Administrator William J. Neal said, "Senator Norris' interest in the establishing of the Rural Electrification Administration was typical of his entire legislative career in which he pressed militantly the fight to make secure to the people the fruits of a successful Democracy. It is both our hope and our conviction that those instrumentalities in which he took a leading part in creating will fulfill his fondest dreams, and that the services they render will endure as a monument to one of the greatest men of our time."

***** DUNN & DYER TOUR CAMPS WITH VARIETY SHOW

Mercedes Dunn and Mildred Dyer of the Associate Solicitor's Office were two of thirty girls known as "Mom Middleton's V-Etts of St. Louis" who, together with their sponsor, Mrs. Ann. Middleton, spent their two weeks' vacation this summer touring Army camps in Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, presenting a Variety Show, including 12 chorus dancers, Hawaiian dancers, and a comedian. Each girl paid all her expenses and spent considerable time during the past six months in preparing the show and making costumes.

***** LT. BLANK NOTICES BAD WIRING ON REA CO-OP "IT AIN'T SO!" CRIES CO-OP MANAGER

Last issue we printed a short item about a certain Lt. (whom we called Blank because that isn't his name) who wrote us mentioning some allegedly faulty construction on an alleged REA co-op line near his camp. The regional engineer in REA wrote the co-op (as we reported) and the letter he received in reply made no bones about the matter.

"It is very kind and thoughtful of the officer to supply information about the faulty line," he said, "but we have no line whatsoever in that territory. He must

President Roosevelt signed legislation extending the Rural electrification program September 22, calling attention at the same time to a further need of rural power facilities in order to bring "modern service" to "the farm families in the back country" after the war.

Speaking of the postwar program, the President said,

"It is desirable not only from the standpoint of improving rural living standards, but also of providing a great amount of industrial employment after the war. Such a program involves new standards of living and therefore will do much to promote the economic health and strength of the country."

The legislation reduced the REA interest rate to 2 per cent and made it possible to make 35-year-loans in some circumstances.

INVITATION c c c c

REA servicemen in his vicinity have been invited to visit British engineer G. F. Kennedy, of the electrical engineering firm of Kennedy and Donkin, Holme Chase, St. Georges Ave., Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr. Kennedy has been collecting information about possible postwar rural electrification in England by corresponding with REA officials in St. Louis.

"NAZIS ON RUN" SAYS BURGESS

A terse letter from Capt. Albert F. Burgess, now stationed in France, describes the fighting which took place immediately after D-Day.

"We've gone through hell and high water and the Germans really made it hot for us for a while," Al writes.

"They threw everything possible at us but that wasn't enough and we definitely have them on the run now."

MILLER LIVES IN HAWAII 13 MONTHS; SEES NO HULA GIRLS

Chief Yeoman Charles L. Miller would like to berate the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce for leading him to believe that Hawaii is infested with beautiful (to p.2) refer to some other organization maintaining lines in this vicinity."

COLUMN WRITE

PERTINENT QUOTES FROM V-MAIL OUR NEW CROP OF

"Ensign Fred Liquin is in the same class with me," writes Ensign George Scherrer, Princeton. "He is in the same company, same platoon, same section, where I step on his heels when one of us is out of step." . . . Lt. George McPhoe has finished his hospital-ship pilot training and has gone back to the wars. . . . Lucky Waldron: Sgt. Rodney Waldron is in the 77th Infantry and his APO is 77 . . . Lost, Strayed or Stolen Department - - Anybody who can furnish the present address of these four GI's please write the Roll Call immediately: Pfc. Chas. H. Kimzey, Lt. Wm. Cannady Long, Cpl. James C. McReynolds, and Pvt. Robin Lett. . . . Pfc. Charlie Parrott came through St. Louis recently with his wife on his way to San Diego. She's the former Ann Malkovich (ex-REAer, star bowler) and they now have a baby girl, Nancy Ann, born last July. Congratulations all around; we are waiting for our cigars. . . . Bessie Mai Allen Eickert, Miss REA of 1942, has been boosted to Yeoman 1st Class in the Waves. . . . The Rural Electrification News is still available to any REA serviceman or woman. Just drop the Roll Call a line and ask to be put on the mailing list. . . . Recently mentioned in Jerry Kluttz' column, "The Federal Diary", in the Washington Post, are Capt. Charles Kolchner and Seaman Lou Knowles. . . . Lt. Dick Allen has just returned after two years overseas and is now stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Va. . . . Ed Knight is with LST 765. . . . Lt. Bob Holland has the right idea. He got six Roll Calls at the same time, so he sent us his new address. How about some of the rest of you fellows doing the same, and making it easier for the postal boys? . . . Here are some new names that will soon be added to the REA Roll of Honor on the eleventh floor: Betty Jane Willard, Harry L. Oswald, Joseph P. Flannery, Thomas B. Dunphy, and J. Howard White. That brings the total to 332. . . . Sidelight: Paul Carroll and Ralph Chesley used to work side by side in the old REA mail room in the basement at 2000 Mass. Ave. Now their address cards are side by side in the Roll Call's alphabetical file. . . . Kami Kaminstein did a hitch in the Army and now he's doing a good job for the Red Cross.

GOING UP!

Y-1/c Bessie Fickert
Sgt. John R. Genau
P.C. 1/c Arthur H. Schartner
Cpl. Paul A. Carroll
Lt. Bruce O. Watkins
Lt. Robert C. Holland, USNR
T/Sgt. William P. Riley
CY Charles L. Millor
Capt. Philip A. Baumann
Capt. Albert F. Burgess
Sgt James G. Denton

WRITE THE ROLL CALL ABOUT YOUR PROMOTION!
DO IT NOW!

"An excellent Sunday morning breakfast of bacon, one sunny-side egg and one piece of toast -- combined with the best GI brand of coffee -- has inspired me to do what I should have done long ago: express my thanks for the swell job you are doing for REA servicemen and women by bringing home much closer to them through the publication of the Roll Call." -- Pvt. David Cohen, New Guinea.

"I've been in Italy two months. Came here after a year and a half in North Africa. Flying certainly beats travelling by boat." -- Sgt. John R. Genau.

"I think that I am closer to Japan than any other REAer. Might just as well go the rest of the way before turning back. . . I'd like to say hello to my pals Charlie Kolchner and Bernie Shebest." -- Sgt. Arthur Frank, Saipan.

"Please change my address to APO 259 and keep the Roll Calls coming." -- Major George K. Ditlow.

"Hanging my hat now at good old APO 235. Funny, but this place looks like the last place." -- Sgt. J. G. Denton.

HULA GIRLS (continued)

Hawaiian hula girls.

"I have been here for 13 months and I have not seen any," he writes us. "But then I guess the war must have something to do with it, don't you think?"

CPL. PAUL CARROLL DRIVES CAR FOR GENERAL IN FRANCE

Cpl. Paul A. Carroll, REA carrot-top, pens a short note from France to notify all and sundry that he has been acting as personal driver for a General in the 12th Army Group, France. Paul adds that, after 16 months in which he thought the Army had stopped giving ratings, he has finally been upped to Corporal.

"I've been to Paris once," he writes. "It's a great city -- all you had to do was stop the jeep and there was a line of people waiting to kiss you. The French kids always carry tomatoes, apples, or eggs to exchange for candy, gum, or cigarettes. I was even offered onions today and one day there were a couple of little girls around our camp with mushrooms. The mushrooms were all right but our C Rations do not provide for the necessary sauce to make them palatable."

JOHNSTON BECOMES PROUD PAPA OF DAUGHTER

A daughter, Virginia Lee, was born on July 28 to Lt. and Mrs. Willis E. Johnston, Jr.

Lt. Johnston is on military furlough from the Technical Standards Division.
HAVE YOU SENT THE ROLL CALL YOUR NEW ADDRESS??